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Dear Friends

Today, a prayer leader friend passed on a Russian woman's urgent cry from within the chaotic, tragic situation inside Kyrgyzstan in Central Asia. Probably several thousand have already died in what appears to be a premeditated stirring of ethnic tension between Kyrgyz and Uzbeks. Uzbeks make up 15% of the population and are the target of this pogrom which may be related to the forces ouster of the former president, Kurmanbek Bakiyev.

For more info go to this link <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/LDE64I0KR.htm>

Our informant inside Kyrgyzstan describes the situation in the city of Osh in the southern part of the country and pleads for our prayers:

*"We are in the very center of the war--Osh. Something terrible and unimaginable is happening here. Amazingly, only about 10% of what is actually happening is being reported in the media. What we see is ethnic cleansing. The whole neighborhood of Uzbek houses are burnt to the ground. Whole families are being murdered--women, children. There are mountains of bodies in the streets, and the wounded are getting no help. There are mobs of young Kyrgys men, drunk, high, and heavily armed running around the streets killing and burning everything.*

*All of this is politically wired. The internal national conflict has been brewing for a long time, and someone is using it for their gain. The authorities are silent and inactive. This inactivity seems to be premeditated... We are afraid to be alone in this trouble. A blood hungry mob has had a taste of violence and lawlessness. We are seriously concerned for our lives. Actually, to be honest, we are living in a constant state of animal-like fear."*

A Westerner, who was living in Osh at the time and had to be evacuated with his family, wrote of the complete devastation of a burnt out city. Because of the inactivity of the authorities and army in stopping the carnage, he also concludes this incident was premeditated: *"We do not believe this is a simple case of ethnic violence. This was an orchestrated, chaotic tragedy set in motion by madmen."*

He calls for the deployment of international peacekeepers to stabilize the situation and bring restoration of order because the weakened national government seems unable or unwilling to bring things under control

Although there are clearly human and political factors that can account for what is happening, we must not fail to also perceive the supernatural influence of the evil one. Ethnic hatred, violence and genocide always have an element of spiritual darkness tied up in them. Our prayer initiative teams have encountered this repeatedly. Jesus said that Satan is a "liar and murderer". Undoubtedly, the enemy is inspiring wicked people to do

his bidding to cause maximum destruction of those made in God's image. Therefore, please pray, using the authority the Lord has given us to bind the powers of darkness (Luke 10:19-21; Matthew 18:18-19).

**Please pray for the following:**

- ✧ **Quick action by the government of Kyrgyzstan and the international community to stop the violence and killing and restore peace and order to the nation and especially the city of Osh.**
- ✧ **Exposure of those who are using this ethnic conflict to advance their own agenda of in order to get or keep political power and control of the nation.**
- ✧ **3 Binding and expulsion of spiritual forces of evil who want the destruction of as many people as possible.**
- ✧ **4 Effective and immediate humanitarian relief for those who are suffering lack, especially those trapped in areas of ongoing turmoil and conflict as well as those hundreds of thousands who have had to flee their homes as refugees within their own country or across the border into neighboring Uzbekistan.**
- ✧ **Please also continue to remember the Afghan believers that their lives and their religious freedom will be safeguarded by their government and that the UN, other governments and international organizations will effectively intervene in their behalf.**

Thanks so much for your prayers of faith and authority through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Warm regards,

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